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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Under 35 USC 371 from  
International Application of  
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Entitled: *Fabric Care Composition and Method*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments.

Please cancel claim 43 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 44 as follows. Also, please add new claims 45-48.

1. A fabric care composition comprising:

(A) an effective amount, for an unconcentrated, ready-to-use fabric care composition, preferably from 0.001% to 20%, more preferably from 0.01% to 10%, even more preferably from 0.1% to 5%, most preferably from 0.1% to 1%, by weight said fabric care composition, or for concentrated fabric care compositions, preferably from 1% to 99%, more preferably from 1% to 40%, even more preferably from 1% to 25%, and most preferably from 2% to 15%, by weight of said fabric care composition, of fabric improving active, comprising oligosaccharides with a degree of polymerization of from 1 to 15, and wherein each monomer is selected from the group consisting of saccharide containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms, mixtures thereof, substituted versions of said oligosaccharides and/or mixtures, derivatised versions of said oligosaccharides and/or mixtures, and mixtures thereof, for providing a fabric with at least one of the following fabric care benefits: wrinkle removal and/or reduction, fabric wear reduction, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color maintenance, fabric color restoration, fabric soiling reduction, fabric shape retention, and/or fabric shrinkage reduction;